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SUBJECT: LOCAL RECTOR PROTESTS "SOVIETIZATION" OF UNIVERSITIES

1. "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF SEPTEMBER 27 CARRIES TEXT OF SEPTEMBER 26 CABLE TO PM KARAMANLIS FROM THESSALONIKI UNIVERSITY RECTOR SDRAKAS PROTESTING "SOVIETIZATION" OF GREEK UNIVERSITIES. SDRAKAS CHARGES THAT MINORITY OF "MAOISTS, STALINISTS AND ANARCHISTS" CURRENTLY "TERRORIZING " OTHER STUDENTS AND HARASSING FACULTY. TELEGRAM URGES PM'S URGENT ATTENTION TO THIS "DANGER".

2. PHRASING OF RECTOR'S CABLE IDENTICAL TO THAT IN SEPTMBER 26 ANNOUNCEMENT HERE OF NEW CONSERVATIVE STUDENT GROUPING. "NATIONAL PAN-STUDENT UNION". LATTER URGED NON-COMMUNIST STUDENTS TO UNITE AGAINST "SOVIETIZATION OF ARISTOTELIAN UNIVERSITY". SDRAKAS, WHO UNDER FIRE FROM STUDENTS AND FACULTY, NOT LIKELY TO BE CANDIDATE IN SCHEDULED OCTOBER 3 ELECTIONS FOR NEW RECTOR.
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